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College approved to demolish house on Main St.

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Driving down Main Street in Annville, most prospective students don't realize that they are so close to the college campus, mainly because we are hidden away behind Main Street without proper signage. However, the college plans on changing this by demolishing a college-owned house on the corner of Main Street and College Ave. Once demolished, the college plans on building a "pocket park" which would serve as a gateway into campus. The property, which is currently vacant and in poor condition, is located in the Historical District of Annville, served as a problem for the college.

After the demolition, the property will feature a low limestone wall embellished with a concrete decorative top replicating the design of the gate in front of the Humanities Building on N. College Ave. as well as a shorter brick wall which would read "Lebanon Valley College" in bronze letters. The pocket park would have one or more flagpoles, several wrought iron and wood benches and would be richly landscaped with decorative trees and shrubs, including evergreens. The floor of the pocket park would be laid in brick. The project is estimated to cost around \$300,000.

"LVC needs to be visible to people driving along Route 422 (Main St.) through the middle of Annville,"

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Graphic provided by Office of the President

PROPERTY TO POCKET PARK In the above photo simulation, the house at the corner of Main St. and College Ave. would be demolished, and "pocket park" consisting of an LVC sign, flag poles and greenery would be put in place. This change to Main St. would make LVC's campus easier to locate for prospective students and visitors

Campus sees acts of vandalism, no leads

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty returned to classes and to their offices last week to find that several acts of vandalism had occurred on campus.

The incidents, which seem to have occurred sometime over last weekend, included spray paint on the Mund College Center renovation sign, three images resembling gas masks spray-painted on the right brick wall leading into Mund, and a number of posters ripped down across campus, along with trash cans tipped over and their contents spilled. Public Safety is unsure if the events are connected nor is there any indication at the moment of who is responsible for the damage.

"It would be wonderful to hold

accountable the person(s) responsible but we have no leads at this time," writes Brent Oberholtzer, director of public safety.

The meaning of the graffiti on the Mund building is also ambiguous. According to Oberholtzer, research into similar symbols seems to suggest a connection with government oppression of free speech, poisoning of the atmosphere/environment and decay of civilization, but why the symbols were chosen and why they were drawn on Mund is unknown.

The area outside of Mund is not under video surveillance, making it difficult to find who is responsible for the vandalism. The Facilities Department was quick to remove the gas mask symbols, but Public Safety still hopes that any students with information on the incidents will report it.



Photo by Justin Roth '14 / LA VIE

"Our best chance of solving such a crime is through civic cooperation. I'd hope that someone who knows about these acts would come forward and speak to one of their Public Safety Officers, as we have a wonderful relationship with

the student body," writes Oberholtzer.

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NEWS

MAIN STREET: Plans for improved entrance to college in place

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comments President Stephen MacDonald. “Prospective students and their families come to visit us for the first time and they can’t find the College. People drive right through town and end up in Palmyra or Lebanon. We want to put a clearly marked entrance gate at the intersection of N. College Ave. and E. Main St. where people will know where to turn into the campus.”

Since the building is in the historical district, it can only be torn down for a specific reason, “not for convenience.” All changes to properties within the historical society must be reviewed by Annville’s Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) and then sent to the township commissioner for approval. Following these procedures, the college submitted their request for the change.

In February, HARB reviewed the College’s plans for the property and

decided by a vote of 3 to 2 to recommend that the commissioners deny approval of the demolition. The College then presented the plans to the commissioners in March, who tabled action until their April meeting.

The college clearly stated in their proposal to the Township Commissioner that Lebanon Valley College is greatly concerned with the historical preservation of Annville. Their concern has been demonstrated with their commitments of preserving the historical aspects of the college itself as well as its neighbors. After successfully restoring Laughlin Hall (103 E. Main St.), the Susanne H. Arnold Gallery and their biggest achievement, restoring the Humanities building, the college received the Friends of Old Annville’s Historic Building Award just last year.

Not only has the college restored the campus, but it has also consis-

tently supported the Streetscape Project—matching their funds—as well as the current Downtown Project, both of which seek to revive and to preserve fundamental elements at the heart of the Township.

With all of these under consideration, on Monday night, April 4, the township commissioner approved the college’s request despite the negativity from the Historical Architectural Review Board and the Friends of Old Annville.

“We will fully develop the site plans, update cost estimates, and obtain the necessary approvals and permits from local and county authorities. All of that could take several months,” says Bob Riley, vice president for administration and information technology.

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ValleyFest is more than a concert

*Provided by Christy Kurtz ’11
President of ValleyFest Committee*

Similar to Dutchmen Day, ValleyFest is something LVC students look forward to every year. Whether participating in the outdoor festival activities or playing Ultimate Frisbee, ValleyFest is an event-filled, spring weekend that students look forward to. Because of this expectation for the students and the community, the student-run ValleyFest committee feels pressure every year to make each festival better than the previous one.

This spring festival began in 1971 and was originally called the Spring Arts Festival, which focused on art and cultural exhibits like the Juried Arts Show, theater and dance productions, local and regional music acts and many demonstrations. The Spring Arts Festival maintained this form until 2002 when the name changed to the Cherry Blossom Festival. At this time, the festival focused on the beauty of campus and the cherry trees. In 2004, the festival seemed to be missing something and was changed to ValleyFest as we know it today with a carnival-like atmosphere and national recording acts. With that said, larger concerts were not introduced to the festival until 2005. Since then, the festival has seen acts like Emerson Drive, Reel

Big Fish, Eve6, the Red Jumpsuit Apparatus and Everclear as part of our main-stage lineup. Acts such as Less Than Jake, The Starting Line, The Gin Blossoms and Alexa Rae Joel, daughter of famed musician Billy Joel, have provided music as well. Even with these national acts, it is important to remember that ValleyFest is still based on the principals originating from Spring Arts in 1971 – arts *and* music within the campus and community.

Even with the history of the spring festival, we, like many organizations on campus, suffer from a very tight budget. While we do receive some funds from the college, it does not go as far as you would think. We fundraise as much as we can in addition to our revenue from tickets and shirts, but it takes a decent amount of money to run all aspects of the festival. The committee, which averages about 20 members, splits into other sub-committees. These areas include Merchants/Crafters, Food and Games, Children’s Activities, Daytime and Evening Entertainment and Publicity.

Within these areas, we fund a great deal of the festival, which includes publicity (ads, flyers, mailings, buttons), entertainment (some performers on the day stage, sound for these stages, performers/demonstrators) and rentals (tables, chairs, inflatables and other various

supplies and staffing for the weekend). These expenditures are a large part of the festival in addition to the stage, sound, lighting and amount paid for the Friday and/or Saturday night concerts. Finally, the most ValleyFest has ever spent on a band was \$19,000 for Eve6 in 2009. In summary, there is a substantial amount of outgoing transactions which are only a little below or equal to any incoming cash.

However, the stretch of cash does not keep each sub-committee from trying to maintain the tradition with fresh ideas or more variety. Of course, those involved in the ValleyFest committee have a say in any of these areas. In the last few years, we’ve also made strides in different areas. For example, VF ’10 had the most crafters than ever before; however, we also saw a decrease in ticket sales for the concerts. Since ValleyFest is not a profit-driven organization, it is not only difficult to spend the amount of money for who the campus would like to see as a performer for Saturday night’s concert—it’s virtually impossible.

In summary, the ValleyFest committee does what it can with the limited amounts of income, and we’re very grateful for everyone who contributes and sponsors our festival such as businesses, alumni, faculty and staff and LVC students at our events.

Student Government
Update: 4.4.11

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

On April 4, Student Government convened for its 10th meeting of the semester in order to talk about food service concerns with Bill Allman, ValleyFest, commuter representation in SG, the Cystic Fibrosis Tournament, card swipes at the New Student Center and Keister Hall, overturned trashcans on campus, concerns about Public Safety and Verizon service on campus.

SG invited General Manager of Metz Dining Services Bill Allman to this meeting in order to inform him of major concerns with food service and to voice and hear possible solutions. Among the major concerns were food choices that were repeatedly served for consecutive meals on consecutive days, the overcrowding and slow service of deli lines in the cafeteria, the cross-contamination of gluten-free products with gluten-filled oil and the problem of identifying student meals so they may be picked up in a timely manner in the UG. Allman responded to these concerns by first saying that the Metz chef is leaving soon and Metz is searching for a replacement chef. He then said that in order to solve the problem with gluten-free food, he is considering making a section in the cafeteria that would serve only gluten-free food or letting students grill their own vegetables so that they can make sure that their food is gluten-free. However, these plans are subject to change. Finally, Allman said that he is factoring the student concerns he has already received into next week’s menu and will get student proofreaders to read it and suggest any improvements. Another SG member suggested that the UG could have a numbering or a naming system such as the one Starbucks uses in order to solve the problem of meal identification at the UG. Finally, several SG members reported that students have said that the food in the cafeteria and the UG has been of consistently high quality over the past two weeks.

SG opened discussion on a proposal made by a member to donate money to purchase kids’ inflatable

structures for ValleyFest. SG members unanimously agreed to pay all costs for the inflatable structures, an investment that amounts to \$3,750. The SG member who made the proposal also stated that if it rains on ValleyFest weekend, the inflatable structures shall not be set up and all activities that can be will be moved inside.

SG advisor Jen Evans has received all the SG election nomination forms and has noticed that there are not enough persons running for class representatives for the classes of 2012 and 2013.

SG members discussed several possible changes that would make sure that commuters would be better represented in SG, but noted that these changes cannot be implemented until next year because this semester is nearing its close.

The Cystic Fibrosis Tournament will begin on Sunday, April 10, at 10 a.m. Twenty student teams, including the nine-member SG team, will participate in the event.

SG members discussed student concerns about the card swipes in front of the New Student Center and Keister Hall, but Director of Facilities Management Don Santostefano must discuss these matters with other Facilities staff members before any action can be taken.

SG member Adam Abruzzo ’12 stated that Director of Public Safety Brent Oberholtzer asks students to report overlooked parking violations in order to help Public Safety address said violations. SG members also noted that students have requested to have crosswalk lights built into the sidewalk near MJ’s, but Oberholtzer will need to discuss the costs with Annville before any action can be taken. Although most of the graffiti around campus has been cleaned up, SG members noted two new sets of graffiti, one on the sidewalk between Blair and the chapel and one on the bridge in the Peace Garden.

Although students have insisted that a Verizon tower be built to improve cell phone service on campus, SG members have noted that Annville must decide on the construction of the Verizon tower before SG can take any more action.

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NEWS

LVC gears up for Autism Week

ASD club plans panel discussion, open mic night

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The Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) club at Lebanon Valley College has organized an Autism Awareness Week from April 4-8. Throughout the week, the club will host a variety of events intended to educate and raise awareness about autism. The goal of ASD is to fight false stereotypes and spread understanding and acceptance of autism throughout LVC's campus.

The ASD club began in fall 2009 with the purpose of creating a "comfort group" for students with autism at LVC. The founders of ASD, Leslie Ader '12 and Meaghan Flemming Buck '11, want people to have an open mind when encountering somebody with an ASD. Ader, president of ASD, describes it as "an inclusive, not exclusive, club." The message that she would like to send to LVC students is, "Have an open mind. Do not judge people on first impressions, and do not be

afraid to approach individuals with autism. We are very open-minded and understanding, and generally great listeners."

ASD works to combat a variety of negative stereotypes targeting individuals with autism. These stereotypes include that those with autism lack empathy, are anti-social and are extremely hyper or shy. Ader '12 says, "If anything, we learn to appreciate the world more. We are very tolerant. The people in the group are some of the nicest people you will ever meet."

Throughout Autism Awareness Week, ASD has planned events geared to educated LVC students about Autism. On Monday, April 4, there was an information table in Mund from noon to 2 p.m. On Tuesday, April 5, there was a Colloquium showing of *Temple Grandin* at the Allen Theatre from 6-7:45 p.m. On Wednesday, ASD organized an activity table in Mund Lobby from noon to 1:30 p.m. where individuals participated in a variety of autism-themed activities. There will also be

a Health Colloquium Roundtable in Neidig Garber 203 from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday. Thursday's activities include a Panel Discussion with LVC students with autism from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Lynch 186 and The Autism Monologues in Humanities 204 from 7-9 p.m. On Friday from 7-10 p.m., they will be hosting an Open Mic Night in the Underground. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the Autism Society of America in Harrisburg. Admission to the event is \$2 per person and tickets are currently on sale in the Mund Lobby.

Throughout the week there will also be sidewalk art featuring different autism facts and puzzle piece ribbons tied around trees to show support for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Be on the lookout for the members of ASD throughout campus.

ASD club meetings are Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Lounge and anyone is welcome to join.

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2011 Commencement drawing near

Professor Grant Taylor to be speaker

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Seniors, it's almost that time. With the advent of senior pictures and the purchasing of cap and gowns comes information about the 2011 Commencement Weekend, taking place from May 13 to 14. Festivities begin on Friday with an informal reception at the Student Center Piazza from 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday morning, May 14, all families are invited to join members of the graduating class, faculty and administrators at the traditional Baccalaureate Ceremony held in Miller Chapel at 9 a.m. Overflow seating will be provided in Lutz Hall in the Blair Music Center with a video feed of the ceremony. Following Baccalaureate, graduates

and families are welcome to relax at the college-sponsored continental breakfast on the Social Quadrangle.

At 11 a.m., the College's 142nd Commencement exercises will take place on the Academic Quadrangle, celebrating years of students' study and achievement. Rich with tradition, the ceremony begins with the colorful academic procession of the graduating class, faculty, administrators, trustees and special guests. This year's commencement speaker is Professor Grant Taylor, assistant professor of art and art history and the 2010 Thomas Rhys Vickroy teaching award recipient. It has been reported to *La Vie* that Gov. Tom Corbett '71 expressed interest in speaking at graduation however it is tradition for the teaching award recipient to speak. Guests should also look forward

to the reception following commencement. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the Arnold Sports Arena.

There are expected to be over 4,000 people at the LVC commencement ceremony. Parking will be available in the Arnold Sports Center Parking lots, on the north side of campus. It is an approximately a five-minute walk to the Academic Quadrangle, though buses will also be available to take guests to and from the commencement exercises. East Sheridan Avenue will be closed to traffic at 10:40 a.m. in order to clear the road for the faculty and student procession route. For more information visit www.lvc.edu/commencement.

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Corrections & Clarifications

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.



CAMPUS

CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

3-25-11 | Campus

Fire Alarm

A fire alarm went off as a result of a paper set on fire.

3-26-11 | Campus

Alcohol Violation

An underage party was busted.

3-27-11 | U.G.

Alcohol Violation

Two intoxicated students were reported at the U.G.

3-28-11 | Mund College Center

Vandalism

Spray paint in front of Mund was called in.

3-30-11 | Campus

Incident Services

A car window was broken.

3-30-11 | Miller Chapel

Vandalism

Graffiti on the chapel was reported.

4-3-11 | U.G.

Disturbance

There was an upset student at the U.G.

4-3-11 | Campus

Assault

A student reported an assault.

4-3-11 | U.G.

Disturbance

A student was causing a disturbance at the U.G.

4-3-11 | Lynch and Humanities

Vandalism

A report of graffiti on Lynch and Humanities was called in.

4-3-11 | Campus

Vandalism

A motorcycle was knocked over.

4-4-11 | Blair and Miller Chapel

Vandalism

A report of graffiti on Blair and Miller Chapel was emailed in.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

Features

LVC publishes scholars around the world

La Vie takes a look at the Valley Humanities Review

CAITLIN MURPHY '12
FEATURES EDITOR

In case you were searching for a venue to publish one of your best-written pieces, the Valley Humanities Review could be the place for you. This online review is highly competitive, but the opportunity for publication is an advantageous step for those wanting to stand out as a candidate for graduate school or the workforce. While the review does not ordinarily publish LVC students, a contest is held where one lucky LVC student is selected for publication as well as awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Undergraduates or recent graduates from around the country and the world have submitted their work to this review. "We've had submissions from students at Ivy League colleges as well as prestigious overseas schools like Oxford," says Dr. Grieve-Carlson, co-editor of the Literary Criticism Section of the Review. Grieve-Carlson works with senior English major Mark Rosborough to find the best literary submissions. "We typically select around

five out of twenty for publication, so it's fairly competitive," Grieve-Carlson continues.

Besides the LVC scholarship, there is also the opportunity for high school students to submit works for scholarship and publication. The homepage of the review lists more detailed information regarding contests, submission guidelines, archives and contributors. "We seek essays of high quality, intellectual rigor and originality that challenge or contribute substantially to ongoing conversations in the humanities. Topics may include but are not limited to: literature, history, religion, philosophy, art, art history and foreign languages. VHR is also currently seeking poetry submissions; students may submit up to three poems. For more information visit www.lvc.edu/vhr," states the website.

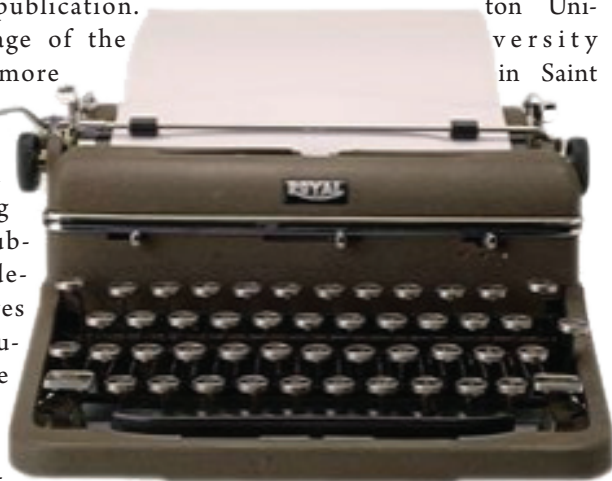
Past contributors from the first issue include students from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Columbia University; Brown University; Washington University in Saint Louis; Lebanon Valley College; and Harvard University. The first edition featured recent graduate Christopher Krause, a double major in Political Science and History, who won the LVC scholarship contest. The Spring 2011 issue should be posted online no later than May 1st. Congratulations to Elieen Beaseley for her essay "Revising Conventions," which was selected for the

LVC scholarship and publication for the Spring issue.

Laura Eldred, professor of English and also founder of the review, states that her goal for this project "is to encourage a culture of undergraduate research here at LVC and in the wider academic community, not just within the sciences but throughout all disciplines, where excellent undergraduate work can attain a wider audience and appreciation, inspiring our students to greater application and imagination in their fields."

Essays can be submitted from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15. Any submissions should follow Chicago style and should avoid listing a name, address or school affiliations on the essay. Essays should range in length from 3,000 to 6,000 words, with the exception of essays written in a foreign language which can be a minimum of 2,000 words. Anyone interested should submit work to submissions-vhr@lvc.edu or contact the editor, Dr. Laura Eldred, at eldred@lvc.edu.

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Writing center reading tonight

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LA VIE STAFF WRITER

Looking for something to do tonight, April 6? At 6 p.m., the students who work at the Writing Center will hold a reading of student writing in the basement of Bishop Library. Andrew Texter '11, Beth Hawbaker '11, Jenn Davis '11, Jake King '11, Brittany Ryan '11, Tim Eck '11, Zach Basehore '12, Theodora Hermes '12, Alyssa Sweigart '12, Amy Mastrangelo '13 and Professor Walter Labonte will be reading a variety of genres of writing, including nonfiction, poetry, editorials and fiction, all of which were voluntarily submitted to be read at the event. Each reader will be given 10 minutes to present their selected piece of writing.

Writing Center worker King says that the goal of this reading is to show students "that we [the workers at the Writing Center] are not just about writing in a corrective sense, but that we also want to help foster the growth of all kinds of writing, and this is the first step in us really taking up this initiative.

"I think that's the point of writing, to share," King continues. "Otherwise, you end up with tomes and tomes of stuff you've come up with but which has no real purpose or meaning to anyone but you. For some things, that's OK, but writing is meant to be read." Be willing to listen and give the writing the attention it deserves by going to the reading this evening.

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Arts & Entertainment

LVC spring play hits Leedy starting this weekend

"You Can't Take It With You" caps off Wig and Buckle's 75th anniversary season with roaring comedy

TONY GORICK '11
A&E EDITOR

Hilarity ensues on the Leedy stage this weekend as Wig and Buckle's 75th anniversary season comes to a close with the spring 2011 play *You Can't Take It With You*. Bursting with fun-filled chaos and a touch of heart, the play by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart and directed by Lisa Roberts '11 boasts a remarkable cast and a quick sense of humor.

"It's a really great show because it's hilarious and has such a powerful ensemble of actors and actresses," says Roberts. "Everyone is very important to the story."

The play involves two families teeming with unusual peculiarities. At first sight, the Sycamore family is a scattered bunch and soon get even crazier with the addition of the equally-complicated family (and altogether unhappy) Kirbys. The plot shows how Tony (Andrew Ferrie '14), the attractive young son of the Kirbys, falls in love with Alice Sycamore (Alyssa Bender '11) and brings his parents to dine at the

Sycamore home on an unsuitable evening. Faced with several of the Sycamores' unique quirks and a growing tension between the families, Alice and Tony have to maintain their relationship while salvaging the others surrounding them. Will anyone take charge and get these out-of-control families to settle down? Can anyone find peace in this hilarious chaos?

"It's an excellent show," says

Matt Smith '12, who plays Martin Vanderhof. "Each character is quirky and different, making everything really interesting to watch." Smith also notes the intricacies of making the role his

own. "My character is more complicated than he first appears, and trying to act like him is complex but awesome."

"It's my last show I'd be doing here at LVC," explains Bender, playing the lead female role as Alice Sycamore. "So of course I couldn't pass up the opportu-

nity to perform this last time." The performances are quickly approaching and she seems prepared for a successful run. "I'm most excited to have an audience to hear reactions. It gives the actors the very thing needed to have the right energy in the scene and to make it as funny as possible."

The first performances begin this weekend April 8, 9 and 10, and continue next weekend on April 15, 16, and 17. The show times are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Sundays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

"Wig and Buckle always puts on a great show, so we'd love for everyone to take the opportunity to see this one," adds Bender.

"Along with being funny it has a great message that..." Smith pauses, "...that you can take with you."

The wit has already begun. Check out the amusingly hilarious play *You Can't Take It With You* and enjoy some light-hearted comedy perfect for the weekend.

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Courtesy of Wig and Buckle

Gamer Zone: Are the prices of games too high?

BY ANDREW VEIRTZ

I'm sorry to say that we're in one of those times of the year where not many games are getting released. But there's an issue that has been affecting my favorite hobby as of late:

Games. Are. Expensive.

This is a decidedly recent trend. I can remember back to the time where a brand spankin' new piece of gaming glory was a little under 30 bucks. Now, it's twice that. With the current generation of consoles charging a full \$60 for new games, they've become a substantial investment. I know now I won't buy a full priced game unless it's getting rave reviews. All the others I can wait a few months

for the price to drop. Lately this has been all I have been doing. I recently grabbed *Alan Wake* for the XBOX360 for about \$25, but then again it was released last September, so it's pretty old news. I've also been eying *Dragon Age 2* quite a bit, but I don't have the \$60 to spend on it. PC games have been resisting the trend of \$60 games, as most games released on the platform have been going for about \$50 new, but gigantic releases like *DA2* are going for \$60.

Really, how long will it be until we see games priced at \$70? \$100? Will gamers still

PS3

PlayStation 3



Wii



XBOX 360



company had a team of 40 employees

to develop *Morrowind*, then grew to a

team of 60 for *Oblivion*, and now a team of 100 people are working to develop the upcoming *Skyrim*. The games themselves are becoming more time-intensive to

produce and expensive to make.

The result is better games, but how far is the market willing to go?

For a poor kid like me, it all means that for the moment, games are too expensive. What do you think about this issue? Are games too expensive? How much are you willing to pay for a good game? Are you willing to pay a premium to have cutting edge games or would you prefer to wait a few months to buy for a cheaper price? Let me know what you think!

For video game questions or to suggest possible column discussion topics, or to answer article questions, you can e-mail Andrew at aov001@lvc.edu.

PERSPECTIVES

Valley's Voices:

What are you looking forward to most for this year's ValleyFest?

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Kaylin Honchar '14
Psychology Major

"I am looking forward to the accommodation of the music and being able to interact with all of my friends. I am excited to have a free weekend."



Jack Gamber '13
English Major

"I'm SUPER PUMPED for Get the Led Out!!!"



Kelly Zimmerman '12
English Major

"I'm looking forward to making a tie-dye T-shirt and seeing Epicleptic perform on Friday."



Stephen Hackett '11
Music Recording Technology Major

"I am looking forward to hearing the student and alumni bands."

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THE DRAMA MAMAS:

What am I doing with my life?

Dear Drama Mamas,

I have been in college for four semesters, and all of them have ended horribly. I can't seem to do well at this school—I'm really not motivated. I am trying to balance a long-term relationship, a job and school, and I feel like I'm failing at all of them. I don't even want to be here, but I know that if I drop out I will be letting my whole family down. My parents pushed me to go into business so that's what I majored in when I got here. But I don't want to start my own business—I would be a lot happier if I had just gone to trade school like I wanted to in the first place. Should I stay here and try to graduate or should I leave and do what I want?

Sincerely,
Lost in Life



Want Answers?

Need a problem solved? Do you have trouble with certain issues in your life? E-mail the Drama Mamas and see what they have to say! Email questions to seb005@lvc.edu and read La Vie to see your answer!



Dear Lost in Life,

First and foremost, you need to make the decision which is most beneficial for your future. Going to college and failing every semester is not going to get you anywhere—plus, what is the point in continuing to pay for an education when you aren't going to graduate?

On the other hand, a college education is one of the most important tools to have when you are looking for a job. Education is the key to success. Instead of continuing as a business major at a four-year college, search around for alternative options. Look at trade schools with shorter college degrees. Do not give up on education completely, because it is the key to a triumphant future in today's society. Also, do not overwhelm yourself with school, work and relationships. You must have balance in your life, or the stress will overwhelm you to the point where you cannot function. Focus your efforts on what is important to you and to your future success. Look critically at all of your choices before you make a decision. Though where you are now might not be the right place for you, there are always plenty of options for you to choose from, even if you can't see them all at this point in time.

Much Love,
The Drama Mamas

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SPORTS

Schedule

Wednesday, 4/6

Men's Tennis vs. Messiah, 3:30 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse vs. Lycoming, 4 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse @ Lycoming, 4 p.m.

Thursday, 4/7

Golf @ E-town Tourn., 12 p.m.

Baseball vs. Shenandoah, 1 p.m.

Softball @ Kean, 3 p.m.

Women's Tennis @ York, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, 4/8

Women's Lacrosse @ Wilkes, 5 p.m.

Men's Tennis @ PSU-Harrisburg, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, 4/9

Men's and Women's Track @ Messiah Invit., 10 a.m.

Men's Lacrosse @ FDU-Florham, 1 p.m.

Softball @ Lycoming, 1 p.m.

Sunday, 4/10

Women's Lacrosse @ FDU-Florham, 1 p.m.

Baseball @ Franklin & Marshall, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, 4/12

Softball @ Moravian, 3 p.m.

Men's Tennis @ Albright, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball vs. Susquehanna, 4 p.m.

April 9-11

Golf @ Glenmaura National Collegiate Invitational

Softball sweeps Messiah Dutchmen break Falcons' 10-game winning streak

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The Dutchmen Softball Team swept Messiah in Commonwealth Conference play on Saturday, April 2.

Messiah's pitcher Jess Rhoads was challenged for the first time this year as the Dutchmen broke her seven-game streak without a hit. The girls managed seven hits off her in their 2-0 victory, breaking Messiah's 10-game winning streak.

LVC's two runs came in the third inning when senior Meghan Donoghue's single sent junior Chelsea Kehr and freshman Katie Deardorff across the plate.

Senior Val Malizzia improved her record to 7-1 while allowing six hits and striking out four batters in the game.

In the second game senior Laura Snyder struck out nine batters in a 4-1 victory.

Junior Kristen Palmerio and



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sophomore Steff Secola opened up the game with solo home runs. Messiah cut the lead in half in the second, but was unable to score again.

In the fifth, Donoghue hit a double, crossing Kehr. Senior Katie Freeman hit a double in the sixth to cross senior Marisa Krause.

With the wins, the Dutchmen improved to 14-5 and 4-2 in Commonwealth Conference play.

The softball team will travel to Kean University on April 7 for a 3 p.m. game before traveling to Lycoming College on Saturday for a 1 p.m. game.

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SCOREBOARD

Men's Lacrosse

@ Misericordia, 3/30: L 7-9
vs. DeSales, 4/2: W 7-4

Baseball

vs. DeSales, 3/30: L 1-5
@ Messiah, 4/2: L 4-5
@ Messiah, 4/2: W 4-3
vs. Messiah, 4/3: L 2-3

Golf

@ Moravian Spring Invit., 3/31: 13 of 19
vs. LVC Invit., 4/4: 12 of 17

Women's Lacrosse

@ Arcadia, 4/2: L 15-21

Softball

vs. Messiah, 4/2: W 2-0
vs. Messiah, 4/2: W 4-1

Women's Tennis

vs. Lycoming, 4/3: W 7-2

Men's Tennis

vs. Lycoming, 4/3: L 0-9

Men's and Women's Track

@ Widener Invitational
see godutchmen.com for results

Baseball struggles, takes one of three

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The LVC Dutchmen Baseball Team split with Messiah at the Harrisburg Senators' Metro Bank Park on Saturday, April 2.

In the second inning, junior Jake Rhody crossed the plate off freshman Jordan Higgins' RBI single, giving the Dutchmen a 1-0 lead, but Messiah recorded a three-run inning in the third to put them up 3-1.

Higgins' single in the fourth crossed another runner in the fourth, and junior Colt Zarilla crossed two runners in the seventh to take a 4-3 lead.

Messiah returned to the plate and recorded a run before loading the bases and marking a walk-off run to win the game 5-4.

Senior Jake Becker pitched six innings, struck out six and allowed five hits.

In game two, Messiah took a 3-0 lead, but junior Ryan Schwartz capitalized on a fielding error, scoring teammate Dustin Deibert to avoid the shut out.



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In the sixth, junior Jordan Witmer hit a two-run double to tie the game after another Messiah error.

LVC went ahead in the seventh, however, after freshman Tom Rasich's hit into a double play and Brousseau's walk and stolen base to second. Brousseau advanced to third on an error by Messiah's shortstop and Schwartz's single crossed Brousseau for the 4-3 victory.

Senior pitcher Caleb Fick (1-3) ended the game with three groundouts to catch his first vic-

tory of the year.

On Monday, the Dutchmen faced Messiah again in a tough 3-2 loss for LVC.

Messiah scored two runs in the first inning, but LVC managed to tie the game in the fourth thanks to a pitching error. Zarilla reached on the error and Rhody's single advanced the runner. Deibert's single sent Zarilla home and Higgins' ground out crossed Rhody.

Two doubles in the fifth placed the Falcons on top and LVC was unable to score Deibert when he

reached second. Deibert went 2-for-4 on the day and earned an RBI.

The Dutchmen are now 9-14 and 2-7 in the Commonwealth Conference.

The team will play Shenandoah University on Thursday, April 7 for a 1 p.m. game before traveling to Lancaster on Sunday, April 10 to face Franklin & Marshall College for a 4 p.m. game.

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SPORTS

Women's Tennis over Lycoming

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On Sunday April 3, the Lebanon Valley College Women's Tennis team opened up its Commonwealth Conference schedule with a 7-2 victory over Lycoming, winning 2-1 at doubles and five of six at singles.

Senior Shayna Heintzelman won 6-4 and 6-0 in her matches while sophomore Lauren Fulmer went 6-1 and 6-0. Freshman Christie Graf won at No. 3 with 6-1 and 6-0 victories and junior Tam Lobb edged at number four with 7-5 and 6-0. Freshman Danielle Bordner won 6-1 and 6-1.

At doubles, Heintzelman and Graf won 8-5 and Fulmer and Lobb won 8-4.

With the win, the Dutchmen improved to 6-5 and 1-0 in the Commonwealth Conference.

The team will travel to York College on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. before returning to Annville to host Albright College on April 13 at 3:30 p.m. for another Commonwealth Conference match.

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Four Dutchmen receive MAC recognition

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Four Dutchmen were recognized by MAC weekly honors this week. Seniors Val Malizzia and Meghan Donoghue were recognized in softball, sophomore Hana Krechel was recognized for women's lacrosse and freshman Joey Miller was honored for track and field.

Donoghue was named Commonwealth Conference player of the week and Malizzia was recognized as the CC pitcher of the week after the softball team swept rival Messiah on Saturday. Donoghue hit .500 in three games last week with six RBI and her 10th homerun of her career against Delaware Valley. The homerun placed her at the program's all-time home run leader. In the first game against Messiah, she hit a two-run single in the 2-0 Dutchmen victory.

Malizzia won both games she pitched during the week, recording a 0.50 ERA and 12 strikeouts.



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She also held the Falcons to only six hits in the shut out.

Krechel earned MAC Offensive Player of the Week after becoming the first player in LVC women's lacrosse history to score 100 goals, 12 of which occurred in the team's two games last week. The sopho-

more's 100th goal came in her 21st game of her career, where she knocked in seven against Misericordia. Krechel also averaged 1.5 assists, 4.5 ground balls, and five draw controls on average last week.

Miller was MAC Athlete of the

Week after marking LVC's best long jump in nearly two decades. At Widener the freshman marked 22-4 1/2 feet, an ECAC-qualifying distance. His mark ranks 20th in NCAA D-III competition this year and ties for first in the MAC.

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Men's lacrosse tops DeSales

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The Men's Lacrosse Team picked up a win over DeSales University on Saturday April 2. The team managed 39 shots in the 7-4 victory.

Freshmen Jordan Mayr and Malik Pedroso each recorded two goals in the game.

The Dutchmen lead early thanks for a goal by sophomore Steve Wildberger and strokes from sophomore Ian Schmid and Pedroso.

DeSales opened up the second quarter with a goal, but it was answered by junior CJ Adams and Pedroso to increase the lead to 5-1.

Mayr knocked in two goals in the third quarter after the Bulldogs managed to knock in two more. LVC was able to hold De-



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Sales scoreless in the final 21:11.

Freshman Bryan Lockward (4-4) earned the win for the Dutchmen and recorded seven saves in the game.

The Dutchmen forced 27 turnovers and led 39-20 on shots.

With the win, the Dutchmen improve to 4-5, and all losses were within two goals. The team will

travel to Lycoming College on Wednesday, April 6 for a 4 p.m. game before traveling to New Jersey to face FDU-Florham on Saturday for 1 p.m. game. They will play in Annville on Wednesday, April 13th to face King's College at 4 p.m.

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Track & Field

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LVC had a successful meet at the Danny Curran Invitational in Chester, PA this weekend.

Freshman Cynthia Adams won the 800 for the second week in a row while classmate Joey Miller marked the best outdoor jump result in nearly two decades.

Adams set a new personal record of 2:19.94 in the event, winning by over a second and coming short of the ECAC qualifying standard by only .44 seconds.

Miller's jump was ECAC-qualifying and tied for first with 22-4.5 feet, but he was judged as second. His mark makes him one of seven Flying Dutchmen who have surpassed the 22-foot mark.

Sophomore Alisha Farrell also jumped an outdoor personal-best at 15-11.75, ranking second as the top

D-III finisher.

In the men's triple jump, LVC took second (Justin Lee '11, 40-9), third (Miller, 40-2) and fourth (Caleb Wiley '13, 40-1.25).

Senior Zach Bleiler took second in the shot put (42-10.75), third in the hammer (151-4) and fourth in the javelin (173-4).

The men's 4x100 team consisting of Lee, Wes Rockwell '12, Jerome Duncan '12 and Brendan Kain '14, took third in 44.61

Duncan also came in third in the 110-hurdles at 15.45.

Freshman Nate Valdez threw 38-6 in shot put and places fourth.

Mike Weir '14 cleared 3.95m for fourth in men's pole vault while Cassandra Wallen '13 cleared 2.90m for third on the women's side.

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